



MEMO

TO: North Dakota School Administrators and Nurses

FROM: Amy Schwartz, MPH
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RE: 2015 – 2016 School Immunization Survey

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North Dakota Administrative Code (33-06-05) requires schools to complete the 2015 – 2016 School Immunization Survey online at https://ndhealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8cEJf21IMvEw8ap. The survey must be submitted online no later than **November 20th, 2015**. If you would like a copy of your school's survey, remember to save or print the pdf on the last page of the survey. Instructions on how to submit the survey are attached.

The most significant change to the school survey this year is that schools will be required to report vaccine-specific exemptions by type and by grade, in addition to total exemptions by type and by grade. Schools should record which vaccines a student is exempting from, when an exemption is claimed. The school survey will also be in a different format this year. A copy of the new school survey, a worksheet to assist in data collection, and the school immunization requirements are also attached.

North Dakota Century Code 23-01-17 and Administrative Rules 33-06-05 state that it is the school's responsibility to enforce the immunization requirements. Parents of students who are not up-to-date with required immunizations should be notified of what immunizations their children are behind on. The parents then have 30 days to comply with the required immunizations or the child should be excluded. Parents should also be contacted for those students who do not have an immunization record on file and the child should be excluded. Please note that any homeschoolers residing in your jurisdiction should be included in the survey.

A webinar is now available at www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/schools-ChildCare and provides instructions about how to complete the school survey.

Schools may have access to the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS), the statewide immunization registry, to view immunization records. If your school is interested in having access, please visit www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/NDIIS.

Please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program at 701.328.2335 or toll-free at 800.472.2180 with any questions or concerns regarding the school immunization survey.

Enclosures

cc: Local public health units